

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (previously presented): A gas fueled outdoor fireplace, comprising:
a fireplace housing having a housing structure, at least one opening in at least one side,
and a plurality of legs extending from the housing structure;
the side of the fireplace having a first lip near an upper edge of the opening and a second lip near a lower edge of the opening;
a burner connected to the fireplace housing, the burner in fluid communication with a supply of fuel to provide a flame; ~~and,~~
a plurality of side panels connected to the housing, wherein at least one of the side panels is configured to cover the opening and is individually removable from the housing, without any other disassembly of the outdoor fireplace, to expose the burner.
the removable side panel having a first flange at an upper edge of the side panel and a second flange at a lower edge of the side panel;
the removable side panel being slidingly movable between a first position and a second position;
when the removable side panel is placed in the first position, the first flange engaging with the first lip and the second flange engaging with the second lip to prevent outwardly movement of the side panel and an inside surface of the removable side panel engaging with an outside surface of the side of the fireplace to prevent inwardly movement of the side panel; and,

when the removable side panel is placed in the second position, the second flange being no longer engaged with the second lip whereby the removable side panel can be tilted outward from the lower edge.

Claim 2 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, wherein a plurality of the side panels are connected to the housing without fasteners.

Claim 3 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, wherein a plurality of the side panels are removable from the housing without tools.

Claim 4 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, wherein a plurality of the side panels are moveable from a first position to a second position, the side panels being connected to the housing in the first position and substantially shielding the burner from view in the first position, and the side panels being individually removable from the housing in the second position to expose the burner.

Claim 5 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, wherein one of the side panels is fixed to the housing.

Claim 6 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, further comprising a wheel for transporting the fireplace, the wheel being connected to the housing structure in a position that a wheel plane is a distance above a baseline of the outdoor fireplace.

Claim 7 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, further comprising a support connected to the fireplace housing for connecting a removable fuel tank thereto.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, wherein the side panels are slidably connected to the outdoor fireplace; the opening has a first dimension along an axis and the removable side panel has a second dimension along the axis which is greater than the first dimension.

Claim 9 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 7, wherein when the fuel tank is connected to the support a bottom of the fuel tank is positioned a distance above a baseline of the outdoor fireplace.

Claim 10 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, further comprising a tank enclosure connected to the outdoor fireplace housing, and positioned at a perimeter of the outdoor fireplace housing.

Claim 11 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 10, wherein the enclosure has a hinged door to provided access to the fuel tank.

Claim 12 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, further comprising a hinged hood over the tank enclosure.

Claim 13 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, wherein the burner comprises a burner plate adjacent a burner base member, and a substantially enclosed cavity between the burner base member and the burner plate, the burner plate having a plurality of apertures therein, and wherein the fuel enters the substantially enclosed cavity between the burner base member and the burner plate and is dispersed through the apertures in the burner plate.

Claim 14 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, further comprising a first handle connected to the fireplace housing.

Claim 15 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 14, wherein the handle is connected to a portion of the housing structure of the fireplace housing opposing a fuel supply for the outdoor fireplace.

Claim 16 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of handles connected to the housing structure of the fireplace housing.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A gas fueled outdoor fireplace, comprising:
a fireplace housing having a housing structure and a plurality of legs extending from the housing structure;

a burner connected to the fireplace housing, the burner in fluid communication with a supply of fuel to provide a flame; ~~and~~,

a plurality of side panels connected to the housing in a first position wherein each of the plurality of side panels substantially cover an opening in a side of the housing to shield the

burner, the side panels being individually removable from the housing, without any other disassembly of the outdoor fireplace, to expose the burner when removed from the housing; and, the plurality of side panels each having a first flange at an upper edge of the side panel and a second flange at a lower edge of the side panel, the first and second flanges being configured to slidably engage with the fireplace housing to connect the side panels to the housing in the first position.

Claim 18 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 17, wherein the side panels are connected to the housing without fasteners.

Claim 19 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 17, wherein the side panels are removable from the housing without tools.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 17, wherein each of the side panels are removable from the housing, without any other disassembly of the outdoor fireplace the opening has a first dimension along an axis and the side panel has a second dimension along the axis which is greater than the first dimension.

Claim 21 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 17, wherein the side panels have a first flange and a second flange, the first and second flanges slidably engaging the fireplace housing to connect the side panels to the housing in the first position.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 17, wherein each of the openings has a width, a first flange receiving member, and a second flange receiving member; the width of the opening being less than a width of the side panels to prevent the side panel from passing through the opening; the upper flange receiving member being positioned near an upper edge of the opening and being configured to receive the first flange; the lower flange receiving member being positioned near a lower edge of the opening and being configured to receive the second flange, the side panels are slidably moveable from the first position to a second position, the side panels being individually removable from the housing in the second position to individually expose the burner.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 17, wherein:

the burner comprises a burner base member and a burner plate, the burner base member being adjacent to the burner plate wherein the burner base member and the burner plate define a substantially enclosed cavity;

the burner base member having a fuel inlet;

the burner plate having a plurality of apertures therein; and,

the gas fueled outdoor fireplace further comprises a fuel supply extending from a control valve to the fuel inlet on the burner base member to supply the fuel to the cavity between the burner plate and the burner base member, the apertures in the burner plate adapted to allow the fuel from the cavity to be distributed therefrom.

Claim 24 (original): The gas fueled fireplace of claim 23, wherein the burner plate is substantially planar.

Claim 25 (original): The gas fueled fireplace of claim 23, wherein the burner plate is substantially parallel to the burner base member.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The gas fueled fireplace of claim 23, wherein the burner plate has a plurality of extensions depending toward the burner base member to assist in enclosing the cavity between the burner base member and the burner plate.

Claim 27 (original): The gas fueled fireplace of claim 26, wherein a height of the extensions sets the height of the cavity between the burner base member and the burner plate.

Claim 28 (original): The gas fueled fireplace of claim 23, further comprising a plurality of dispersing members distributed on the burner plate, the dispersing members dispersing a flame protruding from the apertures in the burner plate.

Claim 29 (original): The gas fueled fireplace of claim 28, further comprising a plurality of artificial logs on the dispersing members.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A gas fueled outdoor fireplace, comprising:

a fireplace housing having a housing structure and a plurality of legs extending from the

housing structure;

a burner connected to the housing structure, the burner in fluid communication with a supply of fuel to provide a flame;

a plurality of side panels connected to the housing, wherein at least one of the side panels is individually removable from the housing, without any other disassembly of the outdoor fireplace, to expose the burner;

the removable side panel covering an opening in the housing when connected to the housing, whereby the removable side panel is configured to engages with both an upper portion and a lower portion of the opening; and,

a transport member connected to the housing in a position that a transport plane is a distance above a baseline of the outdoor fireplace.

Claim 31 (original): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 30, wherein the transport member comprises a first wheel connected to the base member of the fireplace housing, and a second wheel connected to the base member of the fireplace housing.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The gas fueled outdoor fireplace of claim 31, further comprising a plurality of side panels connected to the housing, wherein at least one of the side panels is individually removable from the housing to expose the burner.